

**REMARKS**

This is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 29, 2007. A Petition for Extension of time of one month and the requisite fee accompany this response and it is therefore timely filed.

Applicant elects to prosecute the claims identified as the invention of Group I, directed to a medical tubular structure and a device incorporating such a structure. Claims 22-25, drawn to the non-elected invention, have consequently been cancelled. Applicant specifically reserves the right to prosecute these claims, or similar claims, in a related application. Claims 1-21 are pending and under consideration in this application as a result of this amendment.

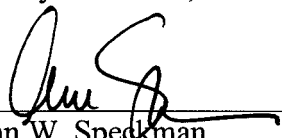
Claims previously numbered 8-12 have been renumbered 9-13 to provide consecutively numbered claims and to correct the numbering of the claims, as filed, which included two claim numbers "8" and no claim number "13." The claim dependencies have also been corrected. These amendments do not constitute new matter or give rise to prosecution history estoppel.

Early consideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested.

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